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PATIENCE

The world sets a comparatively light value upon Patience; the drowsy, puerile attention of men is caught by the glitter and force of Will, Personal Magnetism, Oratory, and publicity generally. Esoterism, however, knows that although "Will is the first of Powers," yet this same Will, without its complemental aspect—Patience—does but eat its own heart out and devour its own children.

For Will is Number One, the creative aspect of Life; it gives the first impulse. But Patience is the Mother who nourishes, and without her care not one of the plans of Will can be perfected. Number One without Number Two (one of whose mother-qualities is Patience) is powerless as a Creator or doer of great deeds; and it is an underlying consciousness of this law that leads man to choose woman as helpmeet and wife.

The world believes that man, being number one, is superior to woman, and it acts upon that conviction, but Esoterism and Religion declare that neither is greater or less than the other, but that they are complementary to each other—two parts of the same One—two aspects of Divinity.

Patience is from above; it is a manifestation of the second aspect of the Trinity; it nourishes, preserves and makes fruitful the projects that would otherwise fail and be barren of results.

In the affairs of the world where all is liable to change and fluctuation, it is true that a sudden manifestation of power is more likely to produce a result than patient plodding; but as soon as we rise to a higher realm where truly great things are at issue, then Patience and her sister Perseverance are supreme.

The disciple who has developed patience, who is willing to work

cheerfully and to wait, is sure to succeed in whatever he has set his heart upon, even though he may have but little apparent aptitude. If he persists long enough, he will prevail. For this persistence is the union of Will and Patience, and when these are united nothing can stand against them.

Impatience however is the more common manifestation in the world. Impatience has its origin from below, not from above. It is the stirring of Inertia by Desire.

Wherever the nature is quick, vivacious and full of desires for good or for evil, there we find impatience. The desire-nature is not willing to wait, it is impetuous and rash. A man of this nature will have great and unforeseen uplifts followed by equally sudden falls; but the steady "onward and upward" of the disciple is not his. He is subject to times of great despondency when he is in danger of making some false step and thus imperiling all further advance in this incarnation.

The disciple is constantly bidden to "kill out desire," because by its very unevenly balanced promptings it leads its slave into dangerous and slippery places. It lacks the calmness and *patience* of Aspiration.

All growth is slow; but it is steady and sure. "Great things move slowly," one of our students writes us; and he who patiently waits, always working towards the end desired, shall have—more than he could ask or think to receive.

But we must "work towards the end desired" or else it is not Patience we are practising but sloth. For there is a false and inert patience with a long face of woe, which calls attention mutely to the heavy burden it is "patiently" enduring. This self-made martyr is found among those who have good desires but not a proportionately developed Will.

Real Patience is entirely different from this; it follows out the idea or plan confided to it with a one-pointed attention and activity, perseveringly selecting from the events of each day the experiences needed as food for it, rejecting those which, though good in themselves, do not serve the especial purpose in hand. It has neither time nor energy to spend in complainings; for it works unceasingly, and gives with unsparing hand.

Patience is humble; it thinks little of itself but much of the Work. It asks for nothing, not even advancement or the personal attention and teaching of those who are leading humanity! Patience knows that there is much to be done before it can hope to be worthy of the actual presence of the Master, to be in immediate touch with Him. Patience knows also that when the disciple shall

be ready the Master will be provided, and that no power can prevent the soul from receiving that which is its own. All of these things Patience has learned, for her face is towards the light. Therefore she is at peace.

And this light shines out every hour of the day. However unreasonable the demands that the morning's mail brings in, however irritating the procrastination of one or the mistakes of another, the private office is always a place of peace.

When a cherished plan is apparently wrecked through some carelessness of another man, Patience (instead of complaining) is instantly on the alert to find out, if possible, what may be the meaning of the set-back—eager to seize upon the opportunity of a better thing in its place. And there always is a better plan, if we only have the wisdom to see it, and the patience to wait for it to mature.

Have patience, then, with yourselves! All growth is slow and silent. Nothing that is really worth having can be obtained except after long and protracted effort. The climax of an invention may seem sudden, but it has been preceded by months, perhaps years, of investigation and many vain attempts.

If you are today at the foot of the ladder, give thanks that you are indeed so far, and that you know that there is a ladder! Some do not even know this. As you possess your soul in patience, you will one day find your foot upon the first step upwards, and then upon the second, and you will wonder at your former impatience and anxiety.

And you who are mounting swiftly, do not forget to have patience with your weaker brother and to help him even if you seem to fall behind in doing so. The Plan demands that all the race attain perfection—not you alone. Beware lest in your haste you become selfish and miss the final goal.

Be then "A spirit of activity and life
That knows no term, cessation, or decay.
That fades not when the lamp of earthly life's
Extinguished * * * *
But active steadfast and eternal rests."

The Astrological Bulletina, issued by the Portland School of Astrology, is a monthly magazine of 48 pages containing useful and enlightening information for *everybody*, per planetary indications. Keeps you in practical touch with the "Signs of The Times" for the purpose of advancement and unfoldment. Your subscription is invited. 1 year, 15 cents, coin or stamps. Astrological Bulletina, Box 573, Portland, Oregon.

BOOK NOTES

Truth, <i>Dr. Mary Wood-Allen</i>50	(.05)
Young Boy Ought to Know, <i>Rev. Sylvanus</i>	1.00	(.09)
Young Girl Ought to Know, <i>Dr. Mary Wood-</i>	1.00	(.09)
Confidential Chats with Boys, <i>Dr. Wm. L. Howard</i> ..	1.00	(.07)
Confidential Chats with Girls, <i>Dr. Wm. L. Howard</i> ..	1.00	(.07)

Nothing, we think, can cause more amusement in heaven than the prudent custom which requires parents to conceal from their children their true nature and origin. The embarrassment of the child when first asked the question, "Where did I come from?" and the stork subterfuge are enough to raise a smile on the face of the angel. But it has its more serious side. The child may be content with believing in the stork for a time, but soon a very proper question leads it to look further, and having found that nothing but lies and falsehoods are to be obtained from the parent who should be truthful, it seeks information from its older companions who are but little better informed than itself. The very fact that certain subjects are tabooed at home creates a morbid curiosity and compels the youth to make them occupy a large part of the thought and conversation of the youth, which not infrequently has the most serious consequences in later life. There is hardly a sin which the parent can commit against the child which can be compared with neglecting to keep it informed on such vital matters to the very fullest extent of its power to comprehend.

For the many parents who write to us for the best books telling what to say to children, or what to place in their hands when they are older, we commend those mentioned above. *Teaching the Child* is an aid to the parent in explaining its origin to the young child. The two following books are to be read by the young people themselves, or, since perfect confidence between parent and child is desirable, to be read to them. *Confidential Chats* are intended for those who have reached the age of development, and are full of valuable information and warnings, not only regarding matters of religion but on others to which youth is unwittingly exposed, and on which it is likely to be misled by the ignorant or designing.

These books are necessarily written to sell, and could not be published otherwise. They must handle their subject from the popular standpoint. We hope, however, that before long it will be possible to publish a book for children which will treat the subject of origin from the standpoint of reincarnation. "Where did I come from?" is a question which deserves a broader treatment than that which refers to the physical body only. Children, much more than adults, have a lingering consciousness of having lived before, and this should make the problem an easier one.

Are You Going to Take a Vacation? If so, send for our list No. 11 of Outing and Nature Study books, which will show you how to make twice as much of your rest as if you were to go unprepared.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Notices of these books will be given in the BULLETIN as soon as possible

The Parables of the Kingdom, <i>Charles Johnston</i>20	(.02)
Life, Love and Peace, <i>Bolton Hall</i>	1.00	(.09)
How to Develop Power and Personality, <i>Grenville Kleiser</i>	1.25	(.15)
Humorous Hits and How to Hold an Audience, <i>Grenville Kleiser</i>	1.00	(.11)
Suggestion as Applied to Business, <i>C. d'Butterfield</i> ...	1.00	(.10)
The Power of Purpose, <i>Wm. George Jordan</i>35	(.04)
The Doors of Life, <i>Walter De Voe</i>	1.00	(.07)
A Junior Congregation, <i>James M. Farrar</i>	1.20	(.08)
Education and the Higher Life, <i>C. Hanford Henderson</i>	1.30	(.12)
The Science of Being Great, <i>Wallace D. Wattles</i>	1.00	(.07)
An excellent book. The author's latest and best.		
The Narrow Way of Attainment, <i>Hiram Butler</i>	1.00	(.10)
Three Thousand Years of Mental Healing, <i>George B. Cutten</i>	1.50	(.15)
How to Acquire and Strengthen Will-Power, <i>Richard J. Ebbard</i>	2.50	(.13)
The Afterdeath; <i>Henry Brandon</i>	1.25	(.07)
From Pioneer to Poet, <i>Isabelle M. Pagan</i>	2.50	(.13)
Astrological. Character delineations according to the signs of the Zodiac.		
The Principles of Light and Color, <i>Edwin D. Babbitt</i> (deposit).....	5.00	(.33)
Colour as a Curative Agent, <i>R. Dimsdale Stocker</i> , 7 plates.....	paper.. .40	(.02)
At the Feet of the Master, <i>Alcyone (J. Krishnamurti)</i>	leather, .75; cloth.. .50	(.04)
A new theosophical book of devotion, which is attracting much attention.		
Confucius, the Great Teacher, <i>Major Gen'l G. G. Alexander</i>	2.25	(.12)
The New God and Other Essays, <i>Ralph Shirley</i>	1.25	(.10)
A series of essays by the editor of the <i>Occult Review</i>		
Nature's Symphony, or Lessons in Number Vibration, <i>Mrs. L. Dow Balliett</i>	1.25	(.08)
Wisdom and Destiny, <i>Maurice Maeterlinck</i>	1.50	(.11)
Health Studies, <i>Ernest B. Hoag</i>75	(.07)
Lectures on Diseases of Children, <i>R. Hutchinson</i>	2.40	(.22)
Materia Medica and Therapeutics, <i>J. M. Bruce</i>	2.00	(.10)

(Subject to change without notice)

BOOKS FOR SALE AND RENT BY THE ORIENTAL ESOTERIC LIBRARY

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Salesmanship, Agency and Mail Order Business

(Continued from April 14)

The Specialty Salesman, *E. H. Selecman*..... 1.00 (.07)

A splendid book of advice to salesmen as well as to those intending to enter this calling. Mr. Selecman is salesmanager of the Progress Company, has had wide practical experience, and his books are concentrated common sense and models of business English.

Letter Writing, Public Speaking and Conversation

The Art of Expression, *Wm. W. Atkinson*..... 1.00 (.10)

The Art of Logical Thinking, *Wm. W. Atkinson*..... 1.00 (.10)

Ten Thousand Words, How to Pronounce Them, *Josephine T. Baker*..... 1.00 (.10)

How to Do Business by Letter, *Sherwin Cody*..... 1.00 (.07)

Success in Letter Writing, *Sherwin Cody*..... .75 (.07)

An excellent book, covering social as well as business correspondence.

Manual of Parliamentary Practice, *Luther S. Cushing*
..... leather, .75; cloth.. .50 (.05)

English Synonyms, Antonyms and Prepositions,
James C. Fernald..... 1.50 (.13)

How to Argue and Win, *Grenville Kleiser*..... 1.25 (.10)

Training of mind in accurate thinking and clear, effective statement.

How to Develop Power and Personality, *Grenville Kleiser*..... 1.25 (.15)

How to Develop Self-confidence in Speech and Manner, *Grenville Kleiser*..... 1.25 (.10)

How to Speak in Public, *Grenville Kleiser*..... 1.25 (.15)

Contains exercises for voice, breathing, pronunciation, vocal expression and gesture.

Humorous Hits and How to Hold an Audience,
Grenville Kleiser..... 1.00 (.11)

Primer of Parliamentary Law, *J. T. Robert*..... .75 (.05)

The manuals of Cushing and of Robert are the standard guides for conducting meetings.

How to Write a Business Letter, *Chas. R. Weirs*, free
list..... 1.00 (.06)

No person having business correspondence should fail to own this book and require his clerks to read it. A properly written letter often means the winning of a new customer—a poorly written one his loss.

Advertising and Publicity

If you have anything to offer, whether goods, brains, or a message to the world, do not wait for people to find you out—they will never hear of you. *Go to them.* This you can do by advertising. But to force them to hear you, to advertise successfully, you must study it as you would any other profession.

- Modern Advertising, *E. E. Calkins* and *R. Holden*,
illustr..... 1.50 (.15)
A standard and fascinating book on all phases of
advertising.
- How to Advertise a Retail Store, *Albert E. Edgar* (de-
posit)..... 3.50 (.25)
- One Thousand Ways and Schemes to Attract Trade,
I. P. Fox and *B. A. Forbes*..... 1.00 (.10)
- Art and Science of Advertising, *G. French*..... 2.00 (.15)
- Pushing Your Business, *T. D. MacGregor*..... 1.00 (.08)
"A practical handbook for all advertisers, but of special
value to banks, trust companies, investment houses and
real estate dealers."
- Mahin's Lectures on Advertising..... 1.00 (.10)
Fundamentals of Advertising.
- How to Advertise Real Estate, *John Richardson*.... 1.00 (.10)
- Influencing Men in Business, *Walter Dill Scott*..... 1.00 (.10)
- The Psychology of Advertising, *Walter Dill Scott*,
illustr..... 2.00 (.15)
Advertising succeeds by appealing to certain qualities
of human nature. What these are is set forth in Mr.
Scott's books.
- The Theory of Advertising, *Walter Dill Scott*,
illustr..... 2.00 (.15)
- Practical Publicity; The Art of Advertising, *T. A.*
De Weese..... 2.00 (.14)
- The Art of Decorating Show Windows and Interiors
(deposit)..... 3.50 (.25)
- Hardware Window Dressing..... 2.50 (.22)
- Modern Show Card Lettering, illustr..... 1.00 (.10)
150 illustrations of finished show cards.
- Retail Ad Writing Simplified..... paper.. 1.00 (.06)
Full of practical information on making ads forceful;
on selecting cuts, type, mediums; on handling the
printer and publisher.
- 3,671 Advertising Catch Phrases, *Anon*..... .50 (.05)

Financial, Bookkeeping, Banking, Etc.

- The Life Insurance Company, *W. Alexander*..... 1.50 (.12)
If you contemplate taking out a policy, you should read
this book before allowing yourself to be run in by an
agent.

(Classified List continued in the following BULLETIN)

THE LIFE STREAM

Thou stream of Life eternal, whose vast flow
Doth flood the universe, whose power can fling
Aside the puny bars of death, and bring
Thy fuller life where erst the tide ran low!
We stand in awe-struck wonder! Who can know
Thy breath that wakes the man divine, that ring
Which makes our life a never-dying thing,
A gift that God Himself doth free bestow!
We plunge within thy depths, thy source to find;
Upheld by faith, we mount thy highest crest,
And view thy ebb and flow which never cease;
Until with dazzled vision faint and blind
We fall upon thy bosom broad to rest,
And hear thy rhythmic answer, Life is Peace.

—*Ariel*